


IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the original specification with the attached substitute specification (a marked-up version of the original specification, showing the changes made thereto, is appended).

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 6 and 7 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Please amend Claims 1-5, 8 and 10-12, to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.



1. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
an image bearing member; and
a plurality of optical boxes, each of said optical boxes containing at least:
a light source;
deflecting means for deflecting light emitted from said light source;
and
a lens, arranged to image light deflected by said deflecting means
onto said image bearing member,
wherein one of said optical boxes is stacked directly on a second one of said
plurality of optical boxes.

2. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said one optical box has a positioning portion for receiving said second of said optical box to form a stack.

3. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said one optical box and said second optical box are fixed to each other by an elastic member, or by adhering or welding.

4. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said one optical box has an engaging portion for engaging with said second optical box.

5. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said engaging portion has a notch portion.

8. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said one optical box has an engaging portion for engaging with a main body of said apparatus.

10. (Amended) An image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, comprising a plurality of image bearing corresponding respectively to said plurality of optical boxes.